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SUBJECT: SINO-JAPANESE OFF-SHORE OIL EXPLORATION

DOE FOR TREAT, LABARR, GRIFFITH

- 1. THE ASAHI EVENING NEWS (JULY 25) HAS REPORTED THAT A JAPANESE MISSION HAS JUST RETURNED FROM THE PRC AND HAS REACHED AGREEMENT IN PRINCIPLE FOR THE JOINT OFF-SHORE EXPLORATION FOR OIL IN CHINA'S POHAI BAY.
- 2. JIN MIYAZAKI, VICE PRESIDENT OF JAPAN NATIONAL OIL CORPORATION (JNOCC) AND LEADER OF THE JAPANESE MISSION, NOTED IN A PRESS CONFERENCE THAT THE TWO COUNTRIES WOULD ALSO CONSIDER EXPLOITATION OF OIL DEPOSITS AT THE MOUTH OF THE CHUCHIANG RIVER IN CANTON PROVINCE.
- 3. MIYAZAKI STATED THAT JNOCC WILL FORM A JAPANESE CONSORTIUM COMPRISING ITSELF, OIL DEVELOPMENT COMPANIES AND TRADING COMPANIES TO UNDERTAKE THE JOINT PROJECT. DETAILS OF THE AGREEMENT WILL BE DISCUSSED AT A MEETING OF JAPANESE AND PRC SPECIALISTS TO BE HELD IN PEKING THIS UNCLASSIFIED

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4. AT THE INVITATION OF THE PRC, THE JNOC MISSION VISITED CHINA FROM JUNE 28 TO JULY 24 AND INSPECTED EXISTING OIL FIELDS IN TACHING, SHENGLI AND SHANSHUI AS WELL AS POSSIBLE SITES IN POHAI BAY AND THE SOUTH CHINA SEA. ON JULY 23, THE JAPANESE MISSION MET KANG SHIH-EN, DEPUTY PREMIER

AND CHIEF OF THE STATE ECONOMIC COMMISSION (ALSO TOP OFFICIAL IN CHARGE OF PRC OIL DEVELOPMENT). KANG WAS QUOTED AS SAYING THAT, TO EXPEDITE INDUSTRIAL MODERNIZATION, CHINA PLANS TO DEVELOP 10 OIL FIELDS AS LARGE AS THE TACHING FIELD BY THE END OF THE CENTURY AND DESIRES JAPANESE COOPERATION.

5. DOE REP WILL FORWARD DETAILS OF THE AGREEMENT AS THEY BECOME AVAILABLE. MANSFIELD

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